
Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative Meeting

Thursday, July 17th, 2014

12:30-5:00

Providence Health and Services

1801 Lind Ave SW | Renton, WA 98057

Members Present

Susie Dade, Washington Health Alliance
Tom Fritz, Inland Northwest Health Services
Rick Goss, MD, Harborview Medical Center
Steve Hill, Bree Collaborative Chair
Leah Hole-Marshall (for Gary Franklin, MD), WA
State Labor and Industries
Dan Lessler, MD (for MaryAnne Lindeblad, MD)
Health Care Authority
Rick Ludwig (for Joe Gifford, MD), Providence
Health & Services
Greg Marchand, the Boeing Company
Robert Mecklenburg, MD, Virginia Mason

Carl Olden, MD, Pacific Crest Family Medicine
Mary Kay O'Neill, MD, Regence Blue Shield
John Robinson, MD, First Choice Health
Terry Rogers, MD, Foundation for Health Care
Quality, Vice Chair
Jeanne Rupert, DO, PhD, Skagit Valley Hospital
Kerry Schaefer, King County
Bruce Smith, MD, Group Health Cooperative
Lani Spencer, RN, Amerigroup
Carol Wagner, RN, MHA, Washington State
Hospital Association
Shawn West, MD, Edmonds Family Medicine

Members Absent

Roki Chauhan, MD, Premera Blue Cross
Stuart Freed, MD, Wenatchee Valley Medical
Center

Christopher Kodama, MD, MultiCare Health
System
Jay Tihinen, Costco

Staff/Guests

Jackie Barry, Physical Therapy Association of
Washington
Mary Clogston
Ian Corbridge, Washington State Hospital
Association
Kate Cross,* Washington State Department of
Health
Tanya Dansky, Colombia United Providers
Mike Lopez
Ellie Kauffman, MD, Foundation for Health Care
Quality*
Dan Monahan, Novartis

Bob Perna, Washington State Medical
Association
Bill Struyk, Johnson and Johnson
Amber Theel, RN, Washington State Hospital
Association
Jeff Thompson, MD, Mercer
Dorothy Teeter, MHA, Health Care Authority
Ginny Weir, Foundation for Health Care Quality
Christina Yantsides, Foundation for Health Care
Quality

* By phone/web conference

Agenda and all meeting materials are posted on the Bree Collaborative's website, [here](#), under 2014, July 17th materials.

CHAIR REPORT & APPROVAL OF MAY 21TH BREE COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Steve Hill, Bree Collaborative Chair, welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. Mr. Hill reviewed the agenda and welcomed six new members. All those present introduced themselves including the new members who provided a brief introduction. All Bree member positions have been filled except for one outstanding position representing hospital systems, a Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) nominee. WSHA will be sending nominees to the Health Care Authority shortly. Mr. Hill reported on his recent visit to Salem, Oregon to meet with the Teacher's Association to share background about the Bree Collaborative and specifically the Total Knee Replacement and Total Hip Replacement Bundle and Warranty.

Motion: To approve the [minutes for the May 21st meeting](#).

Outcome: Passed with unanimous support.

ACCOUNTABLE PAYABLE MODELS (APM) WORKGROUP UPDATE

Robert Mecklenburg, MD, Medical Director of the Center for Health Care Solutions at Virginia Mason Medical Center, Bree member, and Chair of the Accountable Payment Models (APM) workgroup [provided an update and presentation](#) on the workgroup's development of a warranty and bundle for lumbar fusion. Dr. Mecklenburg discussed the specifics of the warranty, and features of the bundle including the four cycles; documenting disability due to spine abnormality despite conservative therapy, physical preparation and patient engagement, measures to improve outcomes of the surgical procedure, and ensuring rapid return to function. Dr. Mecklenburg referred to the [evidence table](#) that will be available on the Bree website and sent to members. Discussion ensued on developing the Lumbar Fusion Warranty and Bundle.

Motion: To approve the release of the [Lumbar Fusion Warranty](#) and [Bundle](#) and Recommendations for public comment.

Outcome: Passed with unanimous support.

POTENTIALLY AVOIDABLE HOSPITAL READMISSIONS (PAR) WORKGROUP UPDATE

Rick Goss, MD, Medical Director of Harborview Medical Center, Bree member, and Chair of the Potentially Avoidable Hospital Readmissions (PAR) workgroup, gave a presentation of the finalized PAR Report and Recommendations, revised to incorporate feedback from the public comment period. Members reiterated the Bree should endorse the WSHA Readmissions Toolkit for implementation in a standardized fashion across the state and that the resulting data from the PAR Recommendations should be shared with the Bree in an un-blinded fashion. Members also discussed this should be recognized as a minimum/first step.

Motion: To adopt the [Potentially Avoidable Hospital Readmissions Report and Recommendations](#).

Outcome: Passed with majority support.

STATE AGENCY MEDICAL DIRECTOR PERSPECTIVES

Dan Lessler, MD, Medical Director for the Health Care Authority (HCA) and Bree Implementation Team (BIT) chair, presented the [State Agency Medical Director perspectives](#) on the Bree's next topic selection. Dr. Lessler reviewed the Collaborative's mandate and the topic selection recommendations from the Agency Medical Director's Group (AMDG). The AMDG recommendations included:

1. Prescription opioid use for pain management and screening for substance disorders
2. Prostate Cancer Screening specifically the variation in practice patterns and high utilization trends
3. Support broader adoption of HTA coverage determinations

The AMDG also discussed other topics to consider including oncology and chemotherapy with end of life care, genetic testing, biologics, and the prospect of endorsing trusted sources to inform state-based policy (e.g., United States Preventive Services Task Force).

THE BREE COLLABORATIVE'S IMPACT

Jeff Thompson, MD, MPH, Mercer, provided a presentation on the Bree Collaborative's impact using data supporting the positive impact of declining cesarean section rates throughout Washington State after Collaborative's Obstetrics Recommendations and Report. Dr. Thompson presented data emphasizing Peer-to-Peer Comparison of all Washington State births, highlighting the need for transparency of data and support from internal hospital leadership. Dr. Thompson emphasized the next steps for success within the Collaborative's Recommendations are to set up goals and maintain accountability.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS AND CURRENT WORK

Ginny Weir, MPH, Program Director of the Bree Collaborative, presented an [overview](#) of the previous and current work of the Bree Collaborative. Members were encouraged to discuss within their groups and present feedback on current topics, past topics and future topic selection. The workgroup engaged in a topic selection exercise. The following topics were selected for consideration and Bree members volunteered to work with Ms. Weir to present on the topics at the next Bree Collaborative meeting:

- Oncology = Jeff Thompson
- Coronary Artery Disease Bundle = Bob Mecklenburg
- Hepatitis C Management = Dan Lessler
- Mental Health Integration = Mary Kay O'Neill
- Opioids = Gary Franklin
- Sleep Therapy = Terry Rogers
- Prostate Screening = Leah Hole-Marshall

PERSPECTIVE OF THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Dorothy Teeter, MHA, Director of the HCA, provided the perspective of the HCA. Ms. Teeter commended the Bree for their dedication and efforts in improving the health care delivery system and work towards improving health care outcomes for all. Ms. Teeter reinforced the importance of the Bree Collaborative's work in effective policy change. She also touched upon the need to increase education and communication between health care consumers and providers with regards to the Bree's Reports and Recommendations.

BREE MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - FEEDBACK FROM THE BREE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Dr. Lessler presented a discussion had within the BIT about Bree Collaborative member roles and responsibilities. Dr. Lessler reiterated survey results from the 2013 Bree Collaborative Retreat showing a divide as to whether Bree members represent the interests of the organization that nominated them or their own perspectives. Bree members had differing views on this topic, discussing that some members believed themselves to represent (1) their organization, (2) themselves, (3) their sector (e.g., hospital systems), or (4) the people of Washington State. Dr. Lessler discussed the importance of leveraging Bree membership including bi-directional communication or education of a member's organizational leadership and coworkers about the Bree Collaborative and its recommendations, recommending strategies to the Bree Collaborative that would help uptake of the Bree Collaborative recommendations within any one member's organization, and being a champion for the Bree Collaborative within any one member's organization.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Hill thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting, at which point the Bree Social Hour commenced.

Next Bree Collaborative Meeting: Wednesday, September 17th from 12:30-4:30 at Virginia Mason Institute.